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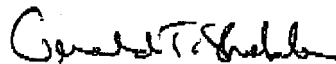
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Applicant hereby petitions that the above-identified case be withdrawn from issue. The issue fee in the subject case has been paid. Applicant has only recently received a reference cited in a related application, which appears to be material. Accordingly, Applicant hereby concurrently files a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114 to permit consideration of this reference by the Examiner.

The fees required for this Petition are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

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